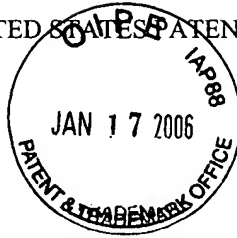


## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Eiji Nitto  
 Serial No.: 10/804,323  
 Conf. No.: 7326  
 Filed: 3/19/2004  
 For: LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE  
 WITH REINFORCED SIDE  
 Art Unit: 2871  
 Examiner: Ngo, Huyen Le



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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a communication regarding the above-identified application.

**Fee Calculation For Claims As Amended**

	As Amended		Previously Paid For		Present Extra	Rate		Additional Fee
Total Claims	8	-	21	=	0	x	\$ 50.00	= \$ 0
Independent Claims	1	-	3	=	0	x	\$200.00	= \$ 0
Fee for Multiple Dependent Claims							\$360.00	= \$ 0
							Total Additional Fee	\$ 0
							Small Entity Fee (reduced by half)	\$

(X) Response to Election of Species Requirement and Preliminary Amendment B.

(X) If a Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response is required to make the attached response timely and does not separately accompany this transmittal, Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely.

(X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

January 11, 2006  
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Respectfully submitted,

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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT AND  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Election of Species Requirement mailed December 14, 2005, Applicants elect Species A, which corresponds to claims 1-6 and 16-17, without traverse, and amend the application as follows: